

Mrs. L. P. Crigler visited in St. Louis last week.

The Centralia Chautauqua begins August 22.

W. A. Willingham and wife are visiting relatives in Perry.

Miss Beulah Wilburn visited Martinsburg relatives this week.

Hardin College will open September 8th.

S. N. Evans and wife are home from B. B. Springs.

Theo. J. Williams and wife are visiting in Paris, Ky.

Born, on the 11th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Byars, a son.

Georgia, the little daughter of Mrs. Fannie Fletcher, is reported very sick.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Christian church in Martinsburg.

G. A. Bryan of Springfield, Ill., is visiting his sister here, Mrs. R. S. McKinney.

James and Mike Quinlan made a business trip to Kansas last week.

J. C. Wilkins of Dallas, Texas, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

James A. Pierce of this city attended the Big Bowling Green Fair last week.

Mrs. Lewis Patterson of West, Texas, is visiting her father, R. H. Dudley, near Molino.

Mrs. Cecelia Lane attended the district W. C. T. U. convention in Armstrong, Mo., last week.

Mrs. W. R. Rodes left last week for a visit to the family of her son, Lan Rodes, at Boulder, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Seitz visited relatives and friends in the eastern part of the county last week.

Hulet Henry and wife of Boone county are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen, near Benton City.

Miss Mary Stephens of Martinsburg has returned from a visit to relatives at Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Mrs. John Williams and son, William, of St. Louis are visiting Mexico relatives and friends.

J. M. Fosseen, of Graymont, Ill., was here last week looking after his 200 acre farm near Mexico.

W. J. Mears of Martinsburg and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mears of Mexico are visiting in Colorado.

Mrs. S. M. Dawes and little son Joseph, of Slater, are visiting Mrs. Dawes' parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller.

Roy Smith of Molino has returned home from Springfield, Ill., near which place he farmed this summer.

J. H. Moran of St. Charles visited friends in Mexico and his sister, Mrs. Jenkins, at Laddonia this week.

Miss Bessie Browning of Kansas City has been visiting the family of Sterling Carter, northwest of Mexico.

Miss Annie Bedford took up her school duties as teacher in the Shady Dell district, near Molino, last week.

Bert Howard and sister, Miss Stella, of New Hope neighborhood, visited relatives at Bowling Green last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodd of near Fulton are visiting Mrs. Dodd's father, D. W. Butler, of West View, just west of Mexico.

Amos Harris, near Benton City is getting ready to build a new barn on his farm; it will be 40x58 feet.

SOME OAT YIELDS.

What to Do With That Old Sow—H. P. Warden's Purchase.

Audrain county farmers have begun breaking ground for wheat.

W. W. Johnson of this county sold two cars of beef steers on the St. Louis market at \$7.55.

W. H. Dempsey, southwest of Thompson, threshed 10 acres of oats a few days ago which yielded him 400 bushels.

Oats are selling at 27 cents on the Rush Hill market. The buyers are Hardy Doolin, J. C. and C. E. Maxwell and Feutz & Barney. They are shipping out about four cars a day.

Twenty-eight acres of land, lying up against the town of Laddonia on the east, owned by J. J. Griffin, sold for \$4,600 recently.

Fenced and a cistern in one corner but no other improvement. That is at an average of over \$162 per acre. Land values down there keep going higher.

W. U. Coil of Laddonia this week sold a fine span of mules to Green of Centralia for \$370.

D. L. Rogers has sold his threshing outfit to E. M. Crooks of near Worcester.

Ernest Neiman, near Benton City, threshed his oats crop last week. He had 55 acres and his yield was 1,500 bushels.

Wm. Underwood, southeast of Mexico, got a yield of about 1,000 bushels of oats from a field of 60 acres this year. Too much wet weather for him this season.

W. H. Dempsey near Thompson "raises cane" every year, has been at the job for 15 years past and always make the sorghum crop pay. He thinks his crop this season will be a little short.

L. G. Boswell, north of Laddonia, lost a fine \$150 mule last week. It was put in a lot with a buck sheep; the mule ran against a piece of iron in the fence and gored itself, dying in a short time.

J. H. Davis, northeast of Mexico, bought a car load of White-face three year old steers on the Kansas City market a few days ago. They cost him \$6.15 and weighed, on an average, 1,132 lbs. He expects to have them ready for the Christmas market.

H. P. Warden has bought W. E. Sharp's dairy, on the Lawder farm, east of Mexico. Mr. Warden gets 62 head of cattle—cows, calves and steers.

Joe Jones, northeast of Mexico, threshed 1400 bushels of oats from 60 acres of ground this season. He sold quite a quantity to Mexico at 28 cents a bushel.

Geo. L. Dean has a 50 acre field of oats this season which yielded an average of 45 bushels to the acre. He sold them to Mr. Mitchell, delivered at Ortiz, at 32 cents a bushel.

A. Davis, of near Martinsburg, threshed 70 acres of oats recently that yielded him 2,028 bushels.

J. W. Plunkett made a trip by automobile to Vandalia last Sunday, returning by way of Benton. He reports that some of the young corn on the level prairie lands will be a complete failure.

In considering the efficiency of brood sows, Henry Wallace gives the following advice: "Go over those that have had pigs the present year and ask them the following questions: How many pigs did you have this year? Were they even in size and form? How did you take care of these pigs? Are you a good suckler? Are you good natured? Are you a good mother or are you the nervous, fidgety kind, always worrying and fretting for fear some one will hurt you and your precious piglets? If the brood sow on being interrogated, cannot give satisfactory answers to these questions it is not worth while to scold her or give her a normal lecture, just turn her into the fattening pen for there is where she belongs.

Found:—A Knight Templar's watch charm. Call 502 E. Whiteley street.

A delivery horse owned by the Brick Plans was killed by the cars Tuesday.

THE EX-CONFEDERATES.

They Had a Great Reunion Near Auxvasse Last Week.

The old veterans of the "Lost Cause" had a great time at their annual reunion near Auxvasse last week. Thursday was the big day. Cooked mutton and great loads of other good things for the inner man were enjoyed at the noon hour.

Speeches were made by David H. Harris, Wm. Tinsler, Rev. Henry Burnham and Judge N. D. Thurmond, of Fulton, and Rev. Noah Bedsworth, Callaway's Democratic nominee for Representative, and Dr. J. B. Hawkins of Mexico. Appropriate recitations were given by Miss Jessie Ruth Gooldy and little Louise Hopkins. Music for the occasion consisted in selections by the Auxvasse Band, several martial airs played on the fife by J. P. Freeman, and the patriotic song "America" sung by a bevy of little girls.

There was quite a large attendance from Mexico, among them the following: J. W. Plunkett and wife, John McIntyre, J. T. Williams, Caleb Berry, Dan Waltz, Elijah Creed, R. S. McKinney, R. H. Edmonds, Dr. J. B. Hawkins and E. T. Smith. They tell a great joke on the latter. He brought home a big hunk of barbecued beef and mutton—or thought he had—but the next morning when he unwrapped his bundle there was nothing there but three or four old soiled shirts. Smith is a great fellow to joke other people, but the boys have one on him now that will keep, a Josh Billings would put it, "the rest of his natural days."

The following officers for the Association were elected: W. J. Gooldy, president; J. B. Hawkins, vice-president; G. W. Kemp, vice-president for Callaway; Henry Maughs, vice-president for Montgomery; J. H. Minor, vice-president for Audrain; Judge Roberts, vice-president for Boone; Charles Creigh, vice-president for Monroe and George Colbert, vice-president for Ralls, R. S. McKinney was elected secretary; S. S. McCue, treasurer, and J. W. Davis, chaplain.

Resolutions of respect were adopted for the following departed comrades: W. R. Kemp, Mark Stephenson, James Bradley, R. P. Hopkins, M. H. McCue, Hiram Burt, J. T. Holland, D. H. McIntyre, John Ficklin, Thos. Gallagher, Jerry Muir and Tyler Dudley.

Hurt by an Auto.

Miss Annie Quisenberry, aged about 14, daughter of Kelly Quisenberry, in stepping from an auto Tuesday evening, on returning from the Fair Grounds, was struck by another auto and dragged under the wheels. She was badly bruised in one foot and one hand and arm, but no bones broken, it is thought.

R. H. Brown is foreman in Wm. Wallace's grocery store, east of the postoffice. He invites his friends to call and see him.

A burglar entered Gene Tomlinson's home last Monday night and took \$6.45 from Mr. Tomlinson's pocketbook.

Heim-Erisman.

Mr. E. P. Heim, of Britton, Okla., and Miss Teine Erisman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Erisman of this city, were announced to be married last evening at the home of Mrs. George Mitter in Britton, Mrs. Mitter being a cousin of the bride. Miss Erisman left for Britton Tuesday of this week. She was bookkeeper lately for J. O. Tinsley. Mr. Heim had charge of a tailoring shop here up to a short time ago. Mr. Heim became acquainted with Miss Erisman during his stay here. The Message extends the happy couple congratulations and best wishes.

Fight at a Dance.

At a moonlight picnic last Saturday night in Palmer's pasture, northeast of Sturgeon, James Anderson got into a dispute with "Sol" Crawford. The latter struck Anderson on the head with a soda bottle and then it is said, Crawford shot Anderson in the temple, after the latter had climbed into Crawford's booth, inflicting a serious wound but not necessarily fatal. The parties are brothers-in-law.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sanford died last Friday.

THE FAIR.

Big Crowds Attending—Some of the Awards.

The Fifth Annual Audrain County Fair opened Tuesday. The attendance is large. There is said to be more than 300 horses and fine cattle on the ground.

In Tuesday's events the mule colt sweepstakes was won by J. G. Garrard, Centralia; J. E. Muir, Auxvasse, second; Jesse Chick, Columbia, third, and Ed. Hamilton, Mexico, fourth.

The 2:35 trot, purse \$500, best three in five heats, was won by Major Lenden, owned by H. C. McCahn, Kirksville, Mo.; second, Marigold; third, Jonah Man; fourth, Victor A. The best time was 2:21 1/4.

In the pure bred Shorthorn cattle show the following were the winners:

Bull, three years and over, 1st S. P. Emmons & Son, of Mexico; 2nd Prewett & Sons, Clarksville.

Bull, junior yearling, 1st S. P. Emmons & Son.

Senior bull calf, 1st S. P. Emmons & Son.

Junior bull calf, 1st S. P. Emmons & Son.

Cow, three years and over, 1st Prewett; 2nd Emmons.

Two year old cow, 1st Douglass Byrns; 2nd Prewett.

Senior yearling, 1st Prewett; 2nd Emmons.

Junior yearling, 1st and 2nd Prewett.

Senior heifer calf, 1st Emmons; Junior heifer calf, 1st Emmons; 2nd Prewett.

Best young herd, 1st Emmons; 2nd Prewett.

S. P. Emmons & Son of Mexico had 9 entries in the Shorthorn ring and won 7 firsts. They had the quality of stock. We congratulate them; glad to see Mexico and Audrain county win out.

Get in on Wilkerson Nursery & Orchard Co's. apple sale. See to it at once.

HOLLENSVILLE.

O. T. Cauthorn is tearing down and moving his house preparatory to building a new one, which he expects to begin soon.

Mrs. Louise Campbell is very sick at this writing.

Miss Callie Berry will entertain her young friends Tuesday night with a moonlight party.

Mrs. E. H. Carpenter who has been sick the past two weeks is better.

The supper given at Olivet church last Saturday night was a success. There was a large crowd in attendance and a nice sum of money realized.

J. G. Crawford delivered hogs at Mexico Monday.

Mr. B. C. McKee and wife of Sherman, Texas, Mr. J. D. McGee and wife and son, Mrs. J. C. McGee and Misses Mary and Belle McGee of Mexico, spent last week with F. L. and C. C. McGee's of this neighborhood.

O. T. Cauthorn delivered some fat lambs at Mexico Monday.

Last Wednesday night John Styles entertained a number of his young friends with a moonlight party, after which he went to Oklahoma on a short visit.

J. C. Mundy and family of Molino, Sunday, visited his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Rudasill.

Mrs. L. I. Rudasill spent Sunday in this neighborhood.

J. W. Sharp attended church at Porter's chapel Sunday.

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Card from Mr. Fonville.

To the Citizens of Mexico:—

On the 30th of June last, the Missouri Military Academy was sold to Col. W. R. Kohr and Major Whitmore, of St. Charles. They made a payment on the property. They had a contract with the St. Charles Military College requiring a notice of six months prior to their withdrawal from the school. They gave only three months notice. The St. Charles people determined to hold them to their agreement. After an extended correspondence, I have agreed with them to manage the school here for another year, rather than let it close.

It is now quite late in the summer, almost time for the schools in the State to open. With the assistance of the people of Mexico, both ladies and gentlemen, I shall undertake to make up a full school. I feel confident that you will rally now to my aid more cheerfully and persistently than at any time in the past ten years. Your active and moral support will bring success to your school. Nothing else will do it.

During my administration of the Academy, it has been the means of bringing and leaving in your city not less than three hundred thousand dollars. From a purely business point of view, you must never allow the Missouri Military Academy to close. Colonel Kohr and Major Whitmore purchased the school in good faith; and it is their purpose to come in next June and co-operate with you in making this the best military academy in the State. Will you show your interest right now by helping me to secure students? Write to your friends about the school, earnestly solicit their patronage, send me the names of parents who have boys and are able to educate them in a school of this kind. Begin the work today, and continue till the 29th of September when the school will open. Then you will have the pleasure of seeing a flourishing school, while your enjoyment will be enhanced by the thought of the part you had in its success.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. FONVILLE.

Missouri Military Academy.

Editor Message:

The Missouri Military Academy is an assured success. It has been sold to Prof. W. R. Kohr and Prof. J. H. Whitmore who have the capital to finance the institution. These gentlemen are educators of experience and ability. Col. Fonville will open the school year on Sept. 29, 1910, and will have charge and manage the school with the assistance of Professors Kohr and Whitmore until June 1, 1911, when said last named gentlemen will take absolute control and they will make it the greatest educational institution of the kind in the State. They cannot take absolute control now because they are bound in a contract to conduct the school at St. Charles until June, 1911.

The newspapers of Mexico, always generous and liberal in public enterprise, have generously opened the columns of their papers for advertising and aiding Col. Fonville in securing a full school.

Now is the time for the Business Men's Association and all of the citizens of Mexico to aid Col. Fonville this year in securing a full school and give new life to the school, that will build it up as one of the greatest enterprises Mexico has.

We are proud of Hardin College and the Missouri Military Academy can be just as great a success if the people will lend their hearty aid and good will.

The boys who attend this school expend in Mexico from \$300 to \$500 per year each. One hundred boys at \$300 each distributes in this city \$30,000 per year and all of the citizens are benefitted thereby.

No donations are asked but let every citizen say a good word in advertising the school and procure the attendance of the boys. Col.

Winter Apples For Sale.

WILKERSON NURSERY & ORCHARD CO.

Phone No. 504.

Mexico, Mo., Aug. 18, 1910.

We will offer to furnish apples on the following terms and conditions: One-third Jonathan and Grimes; one-third Ben Davis or Gano; one-third most York Imperial and Ingram and likely some other good varieties. All of the above are winter apples. Price \$1.50 per bushel for one bushel or more. Delivered in Mexico at ear first or second day after notice sent by mail. Measured in bushel baskets, or, if preferred, in one-half bushel measure. We have tried to secure apples at a price in reach of all. Most of these apples were saved with 6,000 oil stoves, holding three gallons each, burning 18,000 gallons in 12 hours time, which means extra expense to grower and apples. These apples are graded as follows: All apples that grew on the trees except very rough, and smooth, sound apples, two inches in diameter and under. An apple with rotten spots regardless of size may be thrown out. Customer has a right to see all apples measured out and graded according to above agreement. Description of first shipment of apples: Jonathan medium size, between green and red in color, yellow meat; Grimes, medium size, green in color turning to golden yellow in about four to six weeks. These two varieties are strictly fine eating apples. Will keep from two to three months. You must buy these apples from first shipment or we cannot furnish them at all. We furnished them last fall for two weeks and had calls the rest of the winter for them but it was too late. The complaint we hear from these apples after you use them is that you did not buy had enough of them. We are sure that it will hold good this time. Ben Davis and Gano, most of you know, need no description. York Imperial first-class eating apple and good keeper. Ingram, an improved Geneton is a long keeper. The first car we have bought and it will be here in about two weeks. Other cars later on if you want the apples but you must show to us you want them by placing your order at once while we can buy them. Some persons may object to getting apples from the first car, believing it too early. We believe you will miss it if you do for they will surprise you how long they will keep.

If you want the apples, send in your order without delay. Fill in the attached blank:

No. bushels wanted all told.....; No. bushels first shipment.....; No. bushels wanted in other shipments.....

NAME.....

R. F. D. No..... Postoffice..... Mo.

If in town, give street No. and house No.....

Order No.....

You can mail order direct to us or leave with the Secretary of Fair Association at Fair Grounds or with The Message.

If in town, give street name..... and house number.....

Fonville will have a strong faculty and no boy can make a mistake in becoming a student of the Missouri Military Academy. Col. Fonville will in a few days issue a printed circular advertising the school. Let every business man have this circular on his desk and enclose one in each letter he mails, and good results will follow from this mode of advertising.

W. W. Fry.

The Oat Crop Yield.

The Live Stock Reporter of East St. Louis used the following paragraph last week:

R. P. Brown, one of the prominent farmer-stockmen of Audrain county, Mo., was on the market yesterday with 57 head of extra good steers which he sold at good prices. While talking matters over with a representative of the Reporter, Mr. Brown stated the following crop conditions as existing in his part of the county: "The wheat crop is threshing out very light. Take the average field and it is not yielding over ten bushels to the acre and in many instances a great deal less. The oat crop is not panning out nearly so well as expected. Oats in my vicinity are turning out about 25 bushels to the acre. The hay crop was about on the average with that of last year. The corn on the prairie land this year is very late and uneven and I am afraid that the first frost will catch some of it. Corn on the uplands and hilly lands looks better and stands a very good show to make a crop. There is enough old corn left in the county to answer all purposes till the new crop is gathered. I have used this market for a good many years now and think it unsurpassed for marketing cattle, hogs and sheep."

To Be Paroled.

Harvey Stanley, formerly of Mexico, sent to the penitentiary three years ago for a term of 18 years on a charge of robbery with young Honek of this city, is to be paroled this week by Gov. Hadley. Fred A. Morris here will be Stanley's guardian to whom he must make report of good behavior at regular intervals. Stanley, it is said, is quite a changed boy in many respects. He says he fully realizes the error of his way and declares he never will get into mischief again. If his mother has been living near him at the prison and has been working unceasingly for his release. The Mexico public will be glad to learn that the boy is to be given a chance to prove his good intentions.

J. A. Y. Boyd of Concord, Callaway county, is visiting his son, R. A. Boyd, of Mexico. The senior Mr. Boyd heard Hon. James A. Reed at the Fair Grounds Tuesday and was delighted with the speech. Mr. Boyd celebrates his 78th birthday today. He is as young in heart as anybody, his eye is but little dimmed, and his natural force abated but in small degree.

See Wilkerson's "Winter Apples for Sale" ad. in this issue of the Message. The apples are of exceptional value. Be sure to send in your order AT ONCE.

Clarence A. Barnes and John X. Brown attended a meeting of Republicans in St. Charles Tuesday to select two members of the State Republican committee.

For Sale at a Bargain.

The W. L. Corner place, 507 Wade street; 60 foot front thru to Missouri Ave. 386 ft. Six room house with large hall, in good shape; new one and one-half story; out house, also new coal wood and chicken house. Splendid large barn, good well, best of fruit of all kinds, large garden. Well located for school and in good neighborhood. Write or see E. F. Kunkel.

An Announcement from Dr. Hodge.

I desire to announce to the public and patrons of the late Dr. Spence that I have bought the dental outfit belonging to him. The office has undergone repairs and is now open for business.

Dr. E. M. Hodge.